**Principal’s Message**

I hope all our mums had a wonderful Mother’s Day yesterday, you deserve it.

Last Wednesday our students had their *school photos taken*. Instead of being photographed inside, students were photographed in our lovely school grounds amongst trees and greenery. Immediately following the photographs, students commenced their *lantern making* workshops. It was certainly a busy day with students displaying wonderful creativity and skill as they constructed and then decorated their lanterns.

Thankyou to our P&C members who were able to make it to our P&C meeting last Wednesday afternoon. We were able to discuss fundraising opportunities, the canteen, the new School Plan and ASR (which have been uploaded to the school website) as well as other factors affecting the funding of schools in the future.

A special thankyou to Lisa for all her work in organising the BVPS P&C market stall at the Blue Knob markets on Saturday as well as our families who were able to support the stall by providing goods for sale or purchasing goods from the stall. We thank you for your support.

This week students across Australia in Years 3 and 5 students will sit the NAPLAN tests over 3 days. Language Conventions (including Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Writing will be assessed on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. These tests provide valuable data to schools and Education Departments, as well as feedback to parents.

Regards
Kath Johnston
Principal

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**Pay for Play!**

Well, sort of... On Friday the Barkers Vale community showed their care and concern for the people of Nepal by donating to Pay for Play. At morning assembly, the children made a LONG line of coins (silver and gold) as well as notes. The SRC members added up the various denominations and Ronnie (calculator brain) put the total together. After Trish double checked, the grand total was $240.40!!! Add to this the $100 the SRC decided to contribute and we have a wonderful donation to the appeal of $340.40. The children received an extra 20 minutes play time, so everyone benefits from being kind to one another. Thanks for your support.

Julie McTaggart
I found this on a teacher’s website and felt it was very important to share with you and our Year 3 and 5 students regarding NAPLAN this week.

Next week you will sit your first NAPLAN test. Before you take this test there is something very important for you to know:

This test does not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique.

The people who score these tests don’t know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that you participate in sports, help your Mum and Dad or that play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. Because these attributes cannot be tested.

The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can’t tell you that you have improved on something that you once found difficult. They can’t tell you that you brighten up your teacher’s day. They can’t tell you how amazingly special you are.

So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to ‘test’ all of the wonderful things that make you, YOU!

Regards, from Mrs Johnston

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**P&C NEWS**

**MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE**: A big thank you goes to Jon & Sharon Squire of Sphinx Rock Café, Rebecca & Luke Chalk of Wadeville Woolies, Jake & Lanie Shedden, Tia Terry, Marley Miles, Kathy Johnston and Ayurvedic Massage Nimbin for their generous donation of prizes for the P&C Mother’s Day Raffle. The lucky winners were: Kathy - Sphinx Rock, Maria Mourginos - massage, Jed Squire - Tia’s cosmetics, Lyn Loxton - vegies box, Andrea - cards, Amanda - wine, Jazper - flowers. Thank you to all who bought and sold tickets! The raffle made $225.

**MARKET DAY at Blue Knob**: Thank you to our families and community who donated goods for the Market day at Blue Knob, and of course, those who supported the stall.

**CANTEEN NEWS**: A huge thank you also goes to Vicky, Emma, Martin, Sharon & Ronnie for all their help and contributions so far to get canteen working again. Thank you to parents who have donated ingredients—Sharon donated some delicious lettuce for the tacos last week.
Minutes of Barkers Vale P&C Meeting on 6.5.15

Present: Lisa, Kathy, Ronnie, Alison, Vicki, Therese & Martin
Apologies: Marley
Previous minutes read and accepted   Moved: Kathy 2nd: Alison

Business Arising
$700 is still owed to the school for the Yr 6 excursion. We will finalise payment when the new signatories are in place.

Canteen Role Description: Ronnie, Lisa, Vicki and Martin will meet on Thursday 14.5.15 at 10.15am to complete this task. Alison will put a volunteers form into the newsletter to build support for the running of the canteen.

Bunnings & Masters BBQ: Therese to investigate Bunnings and Alison has secured Sunday 8.11.15 for the Masters BBQ. Ronnie is negotiating with Wadeville Woolies for fundraising opportunities. A possible Melbourne Cup function might eventuate.

Staff network days are on 27.5.15 & 2.6.15. The P&C will do the catering on these days to raise funds. We will charge $15pp and Alison will get firm numbers of those attending.
Ronnie will provide pumpkin soup and bread
Kathy will make a fruit platter and provide juice
Vicki will make a selection of sandwiches and some spring rolls.
Alison & Kathy’s Mum will make cakes & slices.
Lisa will do the shopping.

Blue Knob Farmers Market: Lisa is coordinating. The chn. are to bring their donations to school on Friday or drop them at the market on Saturday. It was decided that as a thankyou for donations the children would get a pass to the computer room for a Friday lunch time session.
We’ll talk to Wendy about growing some seedlings to sell at a future farmers market.

Insurance premiums are paid.

Account Signatories: The paper work is almost finalised for the change over of signatories. Lisa will finalise this.

Correspondence: Nil
Treasurer's Report:  
General Account: $5531.30  
Canteen Account: $1343.83

Principals Report:  
School Photos – liaised with company, more relaxed pics today, taken outside.  
ASR and School Plan – on school website  
Teacher’s Aide time and class structure for K, 1, 2.  
Interaction with community – Lanterns, Dorroughby  
Athletics training – suggestion of after school training has my support as does additional training in school time.  
Minutes to be published into newsletter

New Business:  
Money: Ronnie has audited the books ready to take over as our Treasurer.  
Thanks Ronnie.  
It was decided we would keep approx. $2400 in our account to cover annual costs.

We have been selling our school shirts at a subsidised rate, so the cost will increase to $16 each. At this price the P&C will make a profit of 48c per shirt. Therese will investigate other companies to supply our shirts.

We have approved the payment of $300 to each of our classes & the library to use as class budgets for incidentals. Total cost will be $1200.

Networking: Martin proposed our P&C could join the other COLOURSS P&C’s for meetings sometimes. It is thought that with a larger group we may have more clout in lobbying Govt. agencies in regards to education funding and outcomes.  
Hall: It was decided to advertise our hall for hire. Martin suggested it could be used for Adult Education opportunities as well as after school activities. This idea came out of discussions around how we can use what we already have to raise funds. This is an excellent idea for our school and our community as a whole.

Meeting closed at 5.50. Next meeting is 10.6.15 (Wk8)